

NEWLANDS COMMISSION
ASKS YEAR'S EXTENSIONChairman of Railroad Investigations
Wants \$16,000 More for Work.

The Joint Congressional Railroad Investigating Commission decided yesterday to ask Congress to extend the time for completing its work, from January 1, 1917, to January 1, 1918. The enormous volume of work before it makes it impossible to complete the inquiry before another year, the commission explained. It was also decided to request Congress to increase the appropriation for the inquiry from \$24,000 to \$40,000 and to ask authority to retain Representative Cullip, of Indiana, who failed of re-election, and whose term expires March 4, as a member of the commission. Chairman Newlands, chairman of the commission, and of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, issued a statement declaring Congress should sit in extra session if it does not otherwise have time to complete the President's railroad legislation program. He also called the term "compulsory arbitration bill" a misnomer.

"No measure for compulsory arbitration is proposed," he said. "The legislation desired is an amendment to the mediation and conciliation act, providing that where mediation and conciliation have failed there shall be an investigation of the facts by a government commission, appointed by the President, instructed to report within ninety days, accompanied by a stay of the power of strike or lockout during the period of investigation and for thirty days thereafter."

The Dutch Indies in 1915 produced 1,400,000 tons of petroleum.

GEN. SCOTT ACCEPTS
INAUGURATION HONOR

Charles A. Douglas to Head the Reception Committee.

Robert N. Harper, chairman of the inaugural committee, announced last night that Maj. Gen. Hugh J. Scott had accepted his invitation to act as chief marshal of the inaugural parade. He will appoint his aides within a few days.

Charles A. Douglas, prominent local attorney, has agreed to act as chairman of the reception committee, which officials much important work.

Following the innovation of a special advisory committee to act as a council to the inaugural chairman, Col. Harpold yesterday said that this body would not in any manner usurp the functions of the regular inaugural committee, of which it is a part. It was designed merely to act in cases of sudden emergency, when it might not be convenient to call meetings of the larger body, which will be made up of from 100 to 150 members.

A court of honor, extending from Fifteenth to Seventeenth streets on Pennsylvania Avenue, will be elaborately arranged and lavishly decorated, Col. Harpold said. It is planned to make this the center of attraction of the inaugural ceremonies and a special committee will have charge of its arrangements.

There appears to be little doubt that a large guarantee fund will be raised for inaugural expenses, Chairman Harper said. Already large voluntary subscriptions have been tendered by prominent bankers and business men.

The Cuban government has established nine wireless stations on the island of Cuba and one on the Isle of Pines.

Nutshell News

According to Mr. William T. Russell, who has been appointed Bishop of Charleston, S. C., and who will be consecrated early in February, his successor at St. Patrick's Church will be selected through competitive examination.

Chi Phi Fraternity will hold its ninety-third annual congress here in December, 1917. A committee consisting of Barry Bulky, chairman; J. Rush Marshall, Rev. John E. Clark, Edmund B. Smith, William McKinley Cobb, J. T. Henrick, Evans Brown, and J. Walton Moore have been appointed to arrange for the congress.

The Borden Milk Company has bought the White Cross Milk Company of this city for \$27,000. A decree ratifying this sale was signed yesterday by Justice Stafford in Equity Division, No. 1, of District Supreme Court, W. A. Simpson, of Washington, offered \$2,000 more than the sale price after the Borden offer had been accepted.

Three new revenue cutters to cost \$1,100,000 would be provided by a bill recommended to the House for passage yesterday by the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. One cutter would be stationed at Buford, N. C., one in the Great Lakes at Detroit, and one at Honolulu.

Notice of the death of Samuel M. Taylor, of Urbana, Ohio, United States Consul at Birmingham, England, was received at the State Department yesterday. Death was due to complications following an attack of influenza. Vice Consul David C. Kerr is acting consul.

An agreement between the West Virginia natural gas companies and the State Public Service Commission yesterday resulted in the dismissal of a suit in the Supreme Court involving the right of the commission to fix rates for the sale of natural gas.

The Senate Interstate Commerce Committee decided yesterday to hold hearings on the Webb bill, urged by the President in his annual message, to permit American corporations to combine in foreign trade. The date for the hearings will be fixed later.

In a resolution introduced in the House yesterday Representative Austin, of Tennessee, sought to give the Secretary of War power to bestow the Congressional medal of honor on members of the National Guard who have seen service on the Mexican border.

Secretary Lane's suggestions for the organization of a Federal Society is expected to receive early action. The membership will be drawn from employees of the government. "The promotion of efficiency standards will be the main object. A large clubhouse for social and business purposes will be built, it is said."

The Interstate Commerce Commission yesterday suspended until June 15 the proposed increase in freight rates on butter, eggs and dressed poultry from Oklahoma and Texas to points east. The increase, ranging from 10 to 30 per cent, would affect Kansas City, New Orleans and St. Louis principally.

EXCISE BOARD ASKED
TO DEFINE FREE LUNCH

The Excise Board is up against a difficult proposition as a result of having been asked to determine just what is a "free lunch."

Bartenders who have watched patrons gobble free food, have given up trying to define a free lunch. They can't agree whether a pretzel, a piece of cheese and a stale cracker, or some hot dog and bread, is a real free lunch menu. They say it may be just one of these things, or all four. It depends on the man who is looking for free lunch.

So the Board, whose purpose it is to discourage midday drinking by cutting out the lunch as a drawing card, must decide just what must be taken off the lunch counter.

GERMS IN TOY HORNS;
GREAT NEWS FOR DAD

A warning has been issued by Health Officer William C. Woodward against germs in toy horns, whistles and similar articles sometimes given to children for Christmas.

It is the opinion of Dr. Woodward that an unusual amount of germs are carried in these toys.

He recommends that dealers in toys contribute their part toward maintaining the good health of the community by preventing germs from coming out before purchase such toys as are intended for introduction into the mouth.

FORESTRY DELEGATES CALLED.

International Conference to Save Resources to Meet in Capital.

Letters were sent out yesterday by R. S. Birdsall, secretary of the American Forestry Association, at the request of Charles Lathrop Pack, the president, to governors of all States and to Canadian provincial governments, asking them to name delegates to the international forestry conference here January 18 and 19.

The chief topic for discussion will be the battle against the white pine blister disease, which unless checked will cost the country millions of dollars.

Wide spread interest in the fight to save the forests is shown by the fact the forestry organization has 15,000 members, and on its list of vice presidents are such men as Andrew Carnegie, William Howard Taft, Secretary Houston, Secretary Lane, Theodore N. Vall, Dr. Charles W. Eliot, Thomas Nelson Page and Dr. B. R. Fernow, of the University of Toronto.

ROAD READY FOR HOLIDAYS.

Southern System to Run Fast Trains in Two Sections.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 15.—In order to take care of increased travel incident to the Christmas holidays and to provide adequate facilities for handling the large volume of mail and express, the Southern Railway has arranged to operate trains 27 and 28 in two sections between Washington and Atlanta December 15 to 25 inclusive, and trains 25 and 26 in two sections between Washington and Atlanta December 17 to 24 inclusive.

The first sections of these trains will carry passengers exclusively and will be operated on the regular schedules now in effect.

Arrangements have been made to handle additional equipment in trains 29 and 30 between Atlanta and Washington, and on other trains.

"DAUGHTER OF GODS" IN COLOR.

The Washington Herald will give free with each copy of its December 17 edition, an exquisite calendar for the New Year. It will go in an 8 1/2 x 14 inch mailing folder. It is a separate sheet of extra grade, heavy white paper, ornamented with an oval in which is a striking picture of beautiful Annette Kellermann. "Anita" in William Fox's million dollar picture beautiful, "A Daughter of the Gods."

This medallion shows Miss Kellermann's form to wonderful advantage, in oriental brocade and jewels against a drapery of gorgeous blue. It is developed in six rich harmonious tones.

14 "OPPORTUNITIES"
FOR CHRISTMAS DEEDS

Associated Charities Lists Cases Worthy of Generous Assistance.

The annual list of Christmas "Opportunities" was given out yesterday by the Associated Charities, which lists fourteen, asks \$2,784 from Washingtonians.

Seventy-three needy persons are to be taken care of, fifty-eight of them children. Most of the families are those of widows or deserted wives.

Contributions should be sent to the Associated Charities, 323 H Street northwest. The list follows:

Opportunity No. 1—A young widow, with no means of support, with two boys and two girls. One of the girls is working. Only \$12 a week necessary.

Opportunity No. 2—Ambitious boy wants to be a bricklayer. Oldest child in the family. Father deserted nearly five years ago, just before the birth of a child. Only \$30 a year is needed.

Mother of Four Children.

Opportunity No. 3—Mother brutally treated, then deserted. Her children were placed in an asylum and the mother went to work. All that is needed to bring the family together is \$300 a year.

Opportunity No. 4—Mother of two boys and two girls, the oldest only 10. Deserted by husband. Mother wants her children near her and is taking in sewing. Only \$7 a week necessary.

Opportunity No. 5—Husband seriously ill and mother and oldest daughter do washing and sewing, but cannot support the household of five. Only \$5 a week needed.

Opportunity No. 6—A widow, partly blind, who has undergone several operations, not a bread winner; five children, all of school age; \$10 a week necessary.

Opportunity No. 7—A blind father with four motherless girls, six months Martha will complete her course in the Colored Vocational School and can be the bread winner. Three dollars a week, or \$78, is needed.

Opportunity No. 8—Four little girls, the oldest 11, are sharing household duties while their mother is recovering from a serious operation. The father, a drunkard, has deserted; \$7 a week needed.

Opportunity No. 9—After a long illness the mother is back on her feet, but six children, the oldest 15, and learning to be a carpenter; \$8 a week necessary.

Her Husband Died.

Opportunity No. 10—After the husband died, leaving the widow with four children, all under 14, the grandmother, a government employee, with her meager salary did what she could, but she has recently died. The mother is threatened with tuberculosis. She has an art talent. To permit the daughter to finish her course \$30 for the year is needed.

Opportunity No. 11—A widow for eight years, the day and mother has eleven children to support. She has an art talent. To permit the daughter to finish her course \$30 for the year is needed.

Opportunity No. 12—A widow, threatened with consumption, doing her utmost to keep her children; \$10 a week necessary.

Opportunity No. 13—One parent, blind and the other partially so. The father works. One of the boys shows artistic and the other mechanical talent; \$10 a week is needed.

Opportunity No. 14—A widow with four children; \$7 a week necessary.

NAVY LEAGUE SCORES
IN \$100,000 FORD SUIT

Henry Ford, of Detroit, lost a point yesterday in the \$100,000 libel suit of the Navy League against him.

Justice Siddons, of the District Supreme Court, sustained demurrers filed by the Navy League to the plea of probable cause made by Mr. Ford. Advertisements published by Mr. Ford in his campaign for peace form the basis of the litigation.

The court held that reasonable grounds for probable cause for believing a matter of public interest is not a sufficient defense, as it does not constitute privilege. The case may now be scheduled for trial.

Attorneys S. G. Porter, of Pittsburgh, and William C. Sullivan, of Washington, represent Mr. Ford.

VETERAN DEMOCRATS TO MARCH

Club Organized in Cleveland Campaign Meets Monday Night.

The Young Men's Democratic Club of the District which was organized in the Cleveland and Hendrick's campaign of 1884, and is the only Democratic Club in the District that has taken part in all of the last three Democratic inaugurations, will meet at the Raleigh Hotel Monday night at 8 o'clock.

The club has taken part in all campaigns and "set up with the corpse" on more than one occasion.

J. Fred Kelley, president; James L. Skidmore, first vice president; William McK. Clayton, second vice president; Needan G. Turnage, secretary, and H. O. Middleton, treasurer, are the officers.

MEMORIAL FOR MRS. COLBY.

At the memorial service to be held for Mrs. Clara Bewick Colby tomorrow afternoon, from 4 to 5 o'clock, at the chapel of the Unitarian Church, Fourteenth and D streets, five-minute addresses will be made by Mrs. Mary S. Lockwood, for the Woman's Press Association; Mrs. Carrie C. Kent, for the People's Church; Mrs. Betsy A. Lockwood, for the Peace Societies; Mrs. Theodore L. Cole, for the University of Wisconsin Alumnae; Mrs. Florence Willard Day, for the New Thought Alliance; William Cantfield Lee, for the Liberal Religious Union of the Unitarian Church; Representative John E. Baker, for Mrs. Colby's Congressional work for woman suffrage; Hyland C. Kirk, for the Secular League; Rev. Olympia Brown, and Kepler Hoyt.

COLORED LAWYERS ORGANIZE.

A large number of colored lawyers of the District met at 317 Sixth street northwest, yesterday and formed a temporary organization, looking to their mutual benefit and protection. The following officers were elected: L. Melendez King, chairman; E. B. Hubert, secretary; Thomas L. Jones, treasurer; J. E. Collins, sergeant-at-arms.

A committee on permanent organization was appointed, consisting of Joseph H. Stewart, B. L. Gaskins and J. E. Collins. The next meeting will be held at 317 Sixth street northwest, Thursday afternoon, December 21, at 3 o'clock.

BIBLE FOR EVERY HOME.

The Washington City Bible Society, through its agent, Albert H. Zimmerman, announces its intention of putting a Bible into every home in the city that lacks one. Lack of funds prevents this plan from being carried out now, but the society is looking to the public to aid in the movement.

The treasurer, Andrew Wilson, in the Woodward Building, will receive contributions and Bibles to aid in the campaign.

Ahavas Zion Society Elects.

The following have been elected officers of the Ahavas Zion Society: Dr. B. L. Grossman, president; M. S. Cohen, vice president; H. Kramer, recording secretary; Charles Warshaw, corresponding secretary; R. Wolf, financial secretary, and Charles Shelen, treasurer.



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That the Indian, like his white brother, has responded to the "Back to the Land" call, is asserted in the annual report of Cato Sells, Commissioner of Indian Affairs. An increase of 40 per cent in churchgoers is shown. Commissioner Sells says the Indians as a class are making substantial progress in farming, education and hygiene.

Large numbers each year adopt the habits of the white man and gradually the Indian is learning to overcome objections to the white man's medicine and hospitals.

The report shows a decrease of nearly 50 per cent in mortality of infants less than 3 years old in 1914. There were 15 per cent less deaths from tuberculosis. The general death rate has dropped from 30 per 1,000 to 20 per 1,000.

Live stock owned by Indians in 1912 was worth \$22,000,000 and today it is valued at \$30,000,000.

Nearly 75,000 of the Indians—or 30 per cent—can read and write English, against 55,000 in 1912.

Fire from a defective chimney caught a vacuum cleaner in the house of Harry A. Way, of Burlington, Vt., and in some way started it going. The noise of the operation aroused the family and all got out safely.

CROWD AT POLI'S SEES
UNCLE SAMUEL AT WORK

A motion picture symposium of Uncle Sam at work and at play was shown yesterday afternoon in Poli's Theater for the benefit of the Christmas fund being raised for the 1,500 District soldiers on the Mexican border.

Miss Mabel T. Boardman spoke on patriotism.

WHEN SCALLOPS ARE NOT.

Boston, Dec. 15.—When next you seat yourself at your favorite restaurant and order fried scallops, don't waste valuable time imagining nice lumps of dainty white meat being removed from pink-edged shells for your benefit.

Picture instead a strong-armed fisherman with a mallet in one hand and a cute little set of dies, scallop-size, in the other, merrily engaged in cutting out the cutest little scallops you ever saw from the meaty sections of a large flat fish.

Noncombatants Killed.

Berlin (via Sayville wireless), Dec. 15.—During November in the districts of France and Belgium held by the Germans, 25,000 noncombatant civilians were killed by the artillery and aeroplanes. The number of the allies, it was announced today through the Overseas News Agency.

ANSWERS CRITICISM
BY DR. VAN SCHAIK

"We are opposed to the establishment of the municipal hospital at Fourteenth and Upshur streets northwest, only because of our desire to protect the business of that section from the invasion of an institution which cares for undesirable elements of the city's population," declared George A. Finch, president of the Piney Branch Citizens' Association, in answer to an open letter by Rev. Dr. John Van Schaik, which described the opposition "ignorant and selfish."

Mr. Finch declared the same stand is taken by the Petworth Citizens' Association, Columbia Heights Citizens' Association, Park View Citizens' Association, Brightwood Citizens' Association, Brightwood Park Citizens' Association, Takoma Park Citizens' Association, and Woodburn and Chillum Castle Heights Citizens' Association.

This stand, he adds, is endorsed by the Federation of Citizens' Associations, the Board of Trade and the Chamber of Commerce.

Read Paper on Poetry.

At a meeting of the Society for Philosophical Inquiry, to be held at the Public Library this afternoon at 4:45 o'clock, Rev. Dr. C. Kirk will read a paper on "Poetry in Its Philosophical Origin."

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